

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the members of the Whitko Future Farmer's of America (FFA) organization for their accomplishments in recent state and national competitions and for their continued dedication to agricultural education.

*Whereas, The FFA was organized nationally in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1950, Congress granted the FFA a federal charter making it an integral part of public agricultural instruction under the National Vocational Education Acts;*

*Whereas, The FFA operates on local, state and national levels. Student members belong to chapters organized at the local school level;*

*Whereas, The local, state and national programs and activities help members develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving abilities and assume civic responsibility;*

*Whereas, Competitive events and awards programs in areas such as public speaking, commodity marketing and agriscience recognize students' achievements, encourage them to excel beyond the classroom and develop career skills;*

*Whereas, Members of the Whitko High School FFA Chapter participated in many of the recent state and national competitions;*

*Whereas, Adam Haegert, Matthew Metzger, Amanda Nicodemus, Cara Ramey, and coach David Metzger competed in the Dairy Career Development Event, earning the title of Indiana State Champion and then went on to place 5th at the World Dairy Expo held in Madison, Wisconsin;*

*Whereas, Jeremiah Geiger, Adam Haegert, Melinda Kessie, Matthew Metzger, and coach Roger K. Carr competed in the Meat Career Development Event, earning the title of Indiana State Champion and then went on to place 3rd at the National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky;*

*Whereas, Abby Hicks, Melinda Kessie, Andrew Nicodemus, Cari Sherbahn, and coach Roger K. Carr competed in the Skill-a-thon, earning the title of Indiana State Champion and then went on to place 6th at the National Skill-a-thon contest at the North American held in Louisville, Kentucky;*

*Whereas, Leigh Anne Dausman, Angie Juricak, Amanda Nicodemus, Cara Ramey and coach Roger K. Carr competed in the Meat Career Development Event, earning the title of Indiana State Champion and then went on to place 9th at the National Meats Judging Contest at the American Royal held in Kansas City, Missouri;*

*Whereas, Jerry Bowers competed in the Freshman Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest and earned the title of Indiana State Champion; and*

*Whereas, Agricultural education and competition prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates and honors all members of the Whitko High School Future Farmers of America organization for their outstanding accomplishments in recent

agriculture competitions held at both the state and national level.

SECTION 2. The Principal Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Whitko High School Future Farmers of America, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Hendrix, and Principal Jim Suding.